

KERRY ELECTION.

COPIES of any OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS which have been received by the Government relative to the marching of large Bodies of People carrying Green Flags, and headed by Roman-catholic Priests, during the late Elections in the County of Kerry.

EXTRACTS from a Paper supplied by the Sub-inspector of Police for the County of Kerry, entitled, "Abstract of Cases capable of proof, in which Priestly Influence and Intimidation were used during the late Elections for the Borough of Tralee and County of Kerry."

Rev. Mr. Toomey, parish priest of Knockacapple, marched through Carle Island to Tralee, at the head of a large body of freeholders, to vote for O'Connell and Mallina.

Rev. Bat. Connor, of Kilorglin, marched into the town with a large number of freeholders; a piper was riding behind the priest.

Rev. Mr. Hampstead marched at the head of a body of freeholders from the Dingisale, with a green flag.

Rev. Mr. Healy also marched into the town at the head of parishioners, with a green flag and music.

Rev. Mr. Quill, parish priest of Miltown, came into town at the head of a body of horse-men, all decorated with green boughs; when opposite the Knight of Kerry's committee-room, the priest halted the cavalcade, took off his hat, and ordered them to cheer, &c.

County of Kerry, } THE AFFIDAVIT of James Leggett, of Tralee, in the County of Kerry,
to wit. } taken, and sworn before

Deponent being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, sayeth, that for some days previous to the election of a member for the borough of Tralee in said county, to serve in the Imperial Parliament, several companies of the peasantry came into the town, each having at their head one of their number having a little more respectability and education than the others, and styling themselves deputations from the different parishes, with written lists of the names of the householders who had votes in the borough, in the hands of their respective leaders. Deponent swears that two or three of these deputations came into his house or shop, and asked him to give them a promise to vote for Maurice O'Connell, the candidate of their choice. This vote was not required as a matter of favour, but of justice (as they said) to the people and the country. Upon deponent's refusal he was menaced, and also threatened with exclusive dealing, and told by others that it was the intention of these persons to watch the polling at the election, and to take down in writing the names of every man that refused them his vote and voted against them; that his name should be publicly placarded upon all the chapel doors in the country as an enemy to the people and to the country. Deponent swears that the deputations that came into his house, the first was headed by a man called Jeremiah Connor, of Brandon Well, and the second by Wm. Pope, of the causeway. Deponent further swears, that pending the election for the county, on one of the days particularly, several divisions or companies of common fellows came into the town, with their hats covered or ornamented with old ribbons, and pieces of old silk and calico or cotton rags, and many of them with their persons half covered with green boughs and leaves, shouting, vociferating and yelling in a frightful manner, not only to the townspeople but terror to the peaceable inhabitants of the town. Deponent very great annoyance but terror to the peaceable inhabitants of the town. Deponent swears, that each of the companies or divisions above stated was headed or led by its respective parish priest on horseback, the horses' head being decorated with green boughs.

Deponent further swears, that previous to (when his intention became known how he was to dispose of his vote) and subsequently to the elections he has lost nearly the whole of his business; he has been menaced at his door by the common people passing by, and many persons still disposed from long acquaintance and dealing to deal with him still, when seen in his shop, have been actually threatened to be murdered, and others forcibly taken away when in the act of buying, and obliged to leave his house and goods after them. Men have passed by his house, shouting and brandishing cudgels, threatening himself, and

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calling out to him that they would oblige him to leave the country, meaning (for want of business), and otherwise annoying and terrifying his family.

Depoent swears that he believes that it is in consequence of the memorable proclamation of Daniel O'Connell, on the of January, to several thousands of the peasantry then assembled in the streets of this large and populous town, that he has lost his business. Depoent swears he heard the said O'Connell himself proclaim, "Mark the men that votes against you, and draw a line across his door, and let that be a wall of brass that no man can pass, and let a skull and cross-bones be painted over his door;" with many other injurious and terrible expressions too tedious to mention.

(signed) James Laggatt.

(signed) William Browne.

Dublin Castle.

(True Copies.)

WM. GOSSET.

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(Mr. Henry Mervill.)

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